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THAI GOVERNMENT CLEARLY PERCEIVES IN CHINA'S POSSIBLE INTENTIONS
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VIETNAMESE INTENTIONS, PARTICULARLY IF HANOI SHOULD EMERGE
VICTORIOUS FROM THE INDOCHINA STRUGGLE.

- 4. ON LAOS, WE POINTED OUT HOW (AND WHY) THAT COUNTRY'S MAJOR PROBLEMS WERE ROOTED IN HA NOI'S AGGRESSIVE AMBITIONS AND THE PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS. WE ALSO EXPLAINED WHY THE CURRENT LAO NEGOTIATIONS WERE PROBABLY BEING KEPT BY THE COMMUNISTS IN A HOLDING REX PATTERN PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VIETNAM NEGOTIATING ARENA.
- 5. ON CAMBODIA, WE GAVE A BRIEF SITUATION RUNDOWN TRYING
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- 6. ON VIETNAM, WE DREW ATTENTION TO THE GVN'S, AND ARVN'S, EMPRESSIVE REC ORD OF OVERALL, OR NET, PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST YEAR, PARTICULARLY SINCE 30 MARCH. WE ALSO NOTED HOW MUCH INTERNAL, DOMESTIC SUPPORT THIEU HAD GARNERED (EVEN FROM THOSE SUCH AS AN QUANG WHO NORMALLY OPPOSE HIM) BY VIRTUE OF HIS STANCE OF INSISTING THAT SOUTH VIETNAM'S LEGITEMATE RIGHTS BE PROTECTED IN ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE STAYED AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE FROM THE TOPIC OF NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DID EXPLAIN HOW HANOI WAS ATTEMPTING TO USE THE PROCESS OF SETTLEMENT AS A DEVICE FOR EXACERBATING (AND, IF POSSIBLE, RUPTURING) THE CLOSE BOND BETWEEN SAIGON AND WASHINGTON WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY GVN TRYING TO RESIST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.
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